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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the creation of a  
2 workers' compensation advisory council is necessary to maintain  
3 the overall stability of the workers' compensation system  
4 without regard to partisan changes in the legislative or  
5 executive branches of government. The council will provide a  
6 vehicle for labor and management representatives to play a  
7 direct role in recommending changes in the workers' compensation  
8 law to the legislature.

9           The purpose of this Act is to establish a workers'  
10 compensation advisory council in the department of labor and  
11 industrial relations.

12           SECTION 2. Chapter 386, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
14 and to read as follows:

15           "§386-     Council on workers' compensation. (a) There is  
16 created in the department the council on workers' compensation,  
17 which shall advise the department in carrying out the purposes  
18 of this chapter. The council shall submit its recommendations



1 with respect to amendments to this chapter to each regular  
2 session of the legislature and shall report its views upon any  
3 pending legislation relating to this chapter to the proper  
4 legislative committee. At the request of the chairpersons of  
5 the senate and house committees having oversight on labor  
6 matters, the department shall schedule a meeting of the council  
7 with the members of those senate and house committees to review  
8 and discuss matters of legislative concern arising under this  
9 chapter.

10 (b) The council shall consist of eleven voting members and  
11 three nonvoting members. The director or the director's  
12 designee, shall be a voting member and shall serve as  
13 chairperson. The director shall appoint the ten other voting  
14 members, who shall serve four-year terms and shall be comprised  
15 as follows:

16 (1) Five members shall represent employers; and

17 (2) Five members shall represent employees.

18 The director shall also appoint three nonvoting members,  
19 who shall serve four-year terms and shall represent insurers  
20 authorized to transact workers' compensation insurance in the  
21 State.



1        (c) Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
2 reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses necessary for  
3 the performance of their duties."

4        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Work Comp; Council

**Description:**

Establishes a workers' compensation advisory council in the department of labor and industrial relations.

